

CHAPTER 4. THE ADVANCED QUALIFICATION PROGRAM

SECTION 3. ADVANCED QUALIFICATION PROGRAM AIRMAN CERTIFICATION

777. GENERAL. A pilot candidate for certification must be eligible under the applicable requirements of Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR) Part 61, except that an operator may develop alternative methods for the assessment of pilot proficiency. These alternative methods, when specifically authorized under an approved advanced qualification program (AQP) qualification curriculum, may be used in place of the practical tests required under FAR Part 61.

779. COMPLETION OF QUALIFICATION CURRICULUM. An applicant for airman certification under an AQP shall successfully complete the appropriate qualification curriculum. Signature on FAA Form 8710-1, "Airman Certificate And/Or Rating Application," shall be accomplished in AQP only by aircrew program designees (APD), air transport pilot examiners (ATPE), training center evaluators authorized by the FAA to do so, or by an FAA inspector qualified to do so. Under an AQP, signature on FAA Form 8710-1 constitutes verification by competent authority that all of the requirements under the specific provisions of an air carrier's particular AQP qualification program have been satisfactorily accomplished.

781. DEMONSTRATION OF INDIVIDUAL SKILLS. Applicants for certification shall show competence in required technical skills and crew resource management (CRM) skills in actual or simulated operational scenarios that assess both types of skills together.

783. AUTHORIZED EVALUATION PERSONNEL. Principal operations inspectors (POI) shall only authorize APD's, air carrier designated examiners (ADE/ATPE), or qualified training center evaluators to conduct pilot examination activities who have completed the requisite AQP evaluator training. POI's shall only authorize aviation safety inspectors (ASI) who have attended the requisite AQP evaluator training to conduct such activities. POI authorization shall be accomplished by appropriate entry on FAA Form 8710-6, "Examiner Designation and Qualification Record," block 10, (with limitations, if any, noted on side two); and FAA Form 8430-9, "Certificate of Authority," under "is authorized to act in the capacity of a," specifying the aircraft on which AQP certifi-

cation activity is authorized. Only the following personnel may be authorized signatory authority in the "Inspector's Report" on side two of FAA Form 8710-1:

- ASI's who are currently qualified on the make, model, and series of aircraft, and who have attended training on the specific alternative evaluation process in the particular operator's AQP
- APD's and training center evaluators (currently qualified on the make, model, and series of aircraft) who have completed evaluator qualification and maintain continuing evaluator qualification for the particular operator's AQP (APD's and training center evaluators shall be designated by the FAA, and their special training shall be noted on FAA Form 8710-6, block 10. Each APD must comply with the requirements outlined in volume 5, chapter 6, section 3. Each training center evaluator must comply with the requirements specified by the Administrator for such personnel.)
- ATPE's currently qualified on the make, model, and series of aircraft, who have completed the particular operator's AQP evaluator qualification curriculum, who maintain continuing evaluator qualification under the particular operator's AQP, and who have been authorized by the responsible Flight Standards District Office (FSDO) manager to conduct such evaluations
- Aircrew program managers (APM) qualified on the make, model, and series of aircraft, who have attended the particular operator's AQP evaluator qualification training program (APM's must complete the same proficiency, currency and recurrent training requirements as the operator's check airmen, with the exception of line checks. APM responsibilities under AQP remain as specified in volume 5, chapter 6.)

785. AIRMAN CERTIFICATION DOCUMENTS. Execution of FAA Form 8710-1 is no different under AQP than under a traditional FAR Part 121 or 135 program, except as follows:

A. On side one, under block II-E "Completion of Air Carrier's Approved Training Program," section 3, "Which Curriculum," pilot applicants shall enter either "AQP Qualification" or "AQP Continuing Qualification," and no other blocks in section 3.

B. On the reverse side under "Evaluator's Record for Airline Transport Certificate/Rating Only," the authorized examiner or FAA inspector shall check only the block entitled "Advanced Qualification Program," and sign the document in the space provided

next to that block. No other blocks or signatures under that section shall be accomplished.

C. Persons authorized to conduct airman certification evaluations under an AQP shall issue either a "Temporary Airman Certificate" (FAA Form 8060-4) or a "Notice of Disapproval of Application" (FAA Form 8060-5) for each certification evaluation conducted. The completed file shall be transmitted through the responsible FSDO in accordance with existing FAA directives.

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